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Sgt. Jared M. Padula, photographer, Combat Camera, blazes past the finish line at the 9th Annual Rock ‘n’ Roll Marathon. Padula, who said he trained hard for the race, finished in less than three-and-a-half hours. This was the sixth time the marathon has ended on the depot. Pfc. Charlie Chavez/Chevron

Depot Marines assist at Memorial Day ceremony

BY STAFF SGT. JEFF JANOWIEC
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“In Flanders Field the poppies blow between the crosses row on row, that marks our place; and in the sky, the larks, still bravely singing, fly scarce heard amid the guns below,” opening stanza of “In Flanders Fields,” a Memorial Day Poem by Lt. Col. John McCrae.

A 21-gun salute was volleyed during a solemn moment of reflection by Marines from Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, during the 106th Annual Memorial Service and Day of Remembrance May 29 at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery.

Many nations do not have a Memorial Day,

but great nations do have a day set aside to pay respect to those who gave some and those who gave all in service to their country, said Brig. Gen. John M. Paxton Jr., commanding general of MCRD and the Western Recruiting Region, during his remarks at the ceremony.

Reflection, recognition and recommitment were the key elements of the day’s purpose.

Hundreds of people, who gathered at the cemetery, were called on by Brig. Gen. Paxton to shine the light back on the past and to reflect on the sacrifices of those who served in the armed forces of the United States.

Brigadier Gen. Paxton stressed the importance of recognizing veterans and encouraged

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Commandant speaks to Marines about values on and off battlefield

BY GEN. MICHAEL W. HAGEE
Commandant of the Marine Corps

Recent serious allegations concerning actions of Marines in combat have caused me concern. They should cause you to be concerned as well. To ensure we continue to live up to General Lejeune’s description of a Marine as someone who demonstrates “all that is highest in military efficiency and soldierly virtue,” I would like to review the importance of our core values.

As Marines, you are taught from your earliest days in the Corps about our core values of honor, courage and commitment. These values are part of and belong to all Marines, regardless of military occupational specialty, grade or gender. They guide us in all that we do; whether in combat, in garrison, or on leave or liberty.

To a Marine, honor is more than just honesty; it means having uncompromising personal integrity and being accountable for all actions. To most Marines, the most difficult part of courage is not the raw physical courage that we have seen so often on today’s battlefield. It is rather the moral courage to do the “right thing” in the face of danger or pressure from other Marines. Finally, commitment is that focus on caring for one another and upholding the great ideals of our Corps and country.

The nature of this war with its ruthless enemies, and its complex and dangerous battlefield will continue to challenge us in the commitment to our core values. We must be strong and help one another to measure up. The war will also test our commitment to our belief in the rule of law.

We have all been educated in the Law of Armed Conflict. We continue to reinforce that training, even when deployed to combat zones. We do not employ force just for the sake of employing force. We use lethal force only when justified, proportional and, most importantly, lawful. We follow the laws and regulations, Geneva Convention and Rules of Engagement. This is the American way of war. We must regulate force and violence, we only damage property that must be damaged, and we protect the non-combatants we find on the battlefield.

When engaged in combat, particularly in the kind of counterinsurgency operations we’re involved in now, we have to be doubly on guard. Many of our Marines have been involved in life or death combat or have witnessed the loss of their fellow Marines, and the effects of these events can be numbing. There is the risk of becoming indifferent to the loss of a human life, as well as bringing dishonor upon ourselves. Leaders of all grades need to reinforce continually that Marines care for one another and do what is right.

The large majority of Marines today perform magnificently on and off the battlefield. I am very proud of the bravery, dedication, honor, courage and commitment you clearly display every day. And America is proud as well. Americans, indeed most people around the world, recognize that Marines are men and women of the highest caliber—physically, mentally and morally.

Each one of you contributes in your own unique way to our important mission; I am proud of your dedication and accomplishments. Even after 38 years, I still stand with pride every time I hear the Marines Hymn. The words of that hymn mean something special to me. Especially, “Keep our honor clean”. I know that means something to all of you as well. As Marines we have an obligation to past Marines, fellow Marines, future Marines and ourselves to do our very best to live up to these words.

As your Commandant, I charge all Marines to carry on our proud legacy by demonstrating our values in everything you do—on duty and off; in combat or in garrison. Semper Fidelis.

HONOR PLATOON

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Depot Marine is in dire need of bone marrow. Donation drive Thursday.

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He had trouble in the beginning of training, but Charlie Company's most improved recruit came alive during the Crucible.

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As a guest of the Commandant of the Marine Corps, a top general from the Singapore Army visited the depot May 18. In an effort to strengthen relations between the Singapore Armed Services and the Marine Corps, Maj. Gen. Desmond Kuek, Singapore Army's chief of staff, received a tour at the depot where he witnessed the transformation process of how Marines are made. The depot was the last of numerous stops at Marine Corps installations throughout the United States from May 14 to 18.

Sgt. Roberto Torres/Combat Camera



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to the crowd to reach out to them in their local communities. And he rallied for a recommitment, to honor those who have paved the way for future generations of Americans, to hold the banner of liberty high and to take up the standard and go forward with pride.

Marine Band San Diego, along with numerous other groups including the MCRD ceremonial detail, was present at the service. Their involvement helped to make the event a patriotic and soul stirring one.

“Coming out to play on Memorial Day means that we get to pay tribute to those who have served in any capacity,” said Sgt. Shawn Preston, a percussionist with the band.

Preston remarked he was glad to play for the crowd and hoped some of the service songs, and other melodies played,

would take the older folks to a time of their youth.

Patriotic songs such as the Battle Hymn of the Republic and God Bless America were a few of the band's selections that helped to enhance the event.

“It's a good day of remembrance,” said Joe Kalla, a former Marine drill instructor for 2nd Recruit Training Battalion in 1951.

“This brings back a lot of memories,” said Kalla. “We have a couple of friends buried here.”

It wasn't just an elderly crowd at the service. The Boy and Girl Scouts of America and the Heritage Kids singers were also there.

A day before Memorial Day, all the Boy and Girl Scout troops in San Diego County planted about 90,000 American flags in front of the headstones at the cemetery. The patriotic task took about an hour and a half to complete, said Ed

Lovato, scout master, Troop 996.

He thought it was for the boys' benefit to get involved with the service as it showed the older generation that this younger generation was getting ready to fill their shoes.

“We try to give back to the community and to those who have served in the armed services,” said Lovato.

Toward the end of the ceremony, a cannon boomed and trumpet players Staff Sgt. Mark Reheard and Cpl. Jerry Williams Jr. sounded Echo Taps as the flag was raised and lowered on a hill overlooking the graves.

“America is beautiful and is the home of the brave and courageous,” said Brig. Gen. Paxton.

“Old Glory stands tall and proud,” he said. “America will only be the land of the free as long as it is the home of the brave.”

BRIEFS

Motorcycle safety card inspection

In order to enhance depot safety and to ensure motorcycle operators have completed the required Motorcycle Safety Course, PMO will begin conducting random checks for Motorcycle Safety Cards of drivers stationed aboard the depot. Beginning today, motorcycle operators stationed aboard the depot must have their issued card in their possession. Operators no longer in possession of the safety card can contact PMO at (619) 524-4200 for assistance in getting a replacement card.

Colonel Nate Smith Scholarship

The 2006 Colonel Nate Smith Scholarship Award Competition features three \$1,000 educational scholarships available to MCRD San Diego/WRR enlisted Marines, sailors and their dependents enrolled in an accredited graduate or undergraduate college program. Scholarships are available on line at the MCRD Museum Historical Society Web site: www.mcrdmuseumhistoricalsociety.org.

If you do not have online access, you may pick up an application at the Museum in Day Hall during normal working hours. Deadline for applications is June 30. Winners will be presented their awards on Tuesday July 11, at the Historical Society Quarterly Breakfast with the depot commanding general. For additional information, please contact the Historical Society at 524-4426.

Marketing yourself for a second career

The Career Resource Management Center will sponsor “Marketing Yourself for a Second Career” Tuesday in Bldg. 14 at 9 a.m. This is a free two and one-half hour professional lecture for officers and senior noncommissioned officers who plan to leave the service in the next one to five years. This is not for retiree's only, and spouses are cordially invited. Dress in appropriate civilian attire or military uniform of the day, and bring a pad and pencil for taking notes. Light refreshments will be provided.

Learn about your competition for finding a job, perceptions civilian employers have of military personnel, a plan for your job search, how employers read your resume, networking and penetrating the hidden job market, preparing for and conducting a successful interview, salary negotiations and benefit packages, and rejection.

For more information, contact (619)524-1283/5732.

Lost and found

The Provost Marshal's Office Crime Prevention Unit has a large quantity of lost and found articles that have remained unclaimed for a period of more than 45 days. These items will be disposed of if the owner is not located. If you have recently misplaced any property, please contact Sgt. Shad L. Begley at (619) 524-4128.

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Commanding general awards library staff

BY CPT. DORIAN GARDNER
Chevron staff

Six employees from the depot library received certificates of commendation at the library May 31 for their effort in making the depot's library best in the Marine Corps with a high score rate of 95 out of 100.

Headquarters Marine Corps Quantico, Va., distributed surveys to every base in the Marine Corps. Depending on the population of their base, libraries received surveys that allowed patrons to critique the facility. The completed surveys were sealed and mailed back out to Quantico where results determined that the depot was sitting high on top.

Recognizing them for exemplary performance of duty while serving with the depot library in the fall of 2005, Richard Alan Boas, Diana Machado, Christina Rappin, Lita Moore and Rebecca Young were awarded letters of commendation and the

commanding general's coin by Brig. Gen. John M. Paxton Jr., commanding general of Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and the Western Recruiting Region.

Being thanked in front of her patrons and staff members meant more to her than being thanked in front of a crowd, according to Nikki Thome, librarian.

Those feelings stuck around after the general departed. Marine Corps Community Services displayed the library's award, which struck up many conversations from the same patrons who filled out the surveys, according to Thome.

The surveys asked patrons to comment on the facility's staff, product availability, service, resources and parking.

Being first-time winners for this newly introduced survey, the depot library has set the bar for next year's competition. Looking for ways to better their own facility, other Marine Corps libraries await the 2006 survey outcome.



Depot library employees (civilian attire, left to right) Faye Blas, Christina Rappin, Nikki Thome, Rebecca Young, Lita Moore, Diana Machado and Alan Boas were awarded for excellence by (in uniform, left to right) Lt. Col. Kenneth Thompson, deputy director, Marine Corps Community Services, Sgt. Maj. Bobby B. Woods, sergeant major, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and the Western Recruiting Region, and Brig. Gen. John M. Paxton Jr., commanding general, MCRD San Diego and WRR. Courtesy of the depot library

Marines fight for martial arts instructor credentials

BY CPT. DORIAN GARDNER
Chevron staff

Combat conditioning, practical applications and leadership skills were some of the things that future Marine martial arts instructors learned while undertaking the instructors course here in May.

For three grueling weeks, Marine Corps Martial Arts Program instructors held a course that not only taught different techniques and physically conditioned Marines, but also gave Marines the ability

to pass on that knowledge to other Marines.

The program produces MAIs for the Fleet Marine Force, said Staff Sgt. Brent A. Smith, Marine Corps martial arts instructor.

For 15 training days, Marines are trained and evaluated on their ability to instruct others on knowledge obtained throughout the course.

Every Marine is not eligible for the instructor's course. The class requires every student to have a gray belt previous to enrollment, maintain a first class physical

fitness score, have the rank of corporal or higher and have completed the non-resident military education for his current rank.

Introduced to the Marine Corps less than a decade ago, Marines have embraced MCMAP and the opportunity to learn its techniques. For that reason, the instructors offer this course base-wide roughly six times a year, according to Smith.

A Marine from Headquarters Marine Corps Quantico, Va., made an appearance to observe the training methods and add his own flavor to the class.

“We are trying to show that we still

have an interest that high quality training is happening and the intent of the program is being implemented properly,” said Master Gunnery Sgt. Shane Franklin, a pioneer of the MCMAP program.

Coming down to the depot to give some one-on-one time to the class and share some advice with them is something Franklin enjoyed.

“You have to lead by example,” said Franklin. “I don't see too many E-9's who will roll around with the students. I am just trying to pay back what the Marine Corps has given me by sharing my knowledge with these students.”

The MAI course further trained Marines in MCMAP techniques and combat conditioning.

All physical training done throughout the program can be done in the combat environment overseas or in country, according to Smith.

“We exercise a full range of cardiovascular and muscular development,” said Smith. “We don't use weights. We put a pack on your back and load it. We don't need a gym.”

Throughout physical training, Marines underwent log drills, ran the obstacle course, ran sprints and performed agility workouts.

Depending on the physical training scheduled for the day, instructors may have Marines wear flak jackets, a Kevlar helmet or carry a rubber rifle.

Before any Marine can graduate the course, Marines must first demonstrate their capability to understand the techniques and pass it on.

The ability to teach another Marine is what separates the instructor's course from the students, said Smith.

At the conclusion of the training, Marines looked forward passing the course and getting back into the fleet where they will share their in-depth knowledge of MCMAP with their Marines.



Sgt. Jeffrey J. Vandentop practices a mounted grappling technique. Students fought one-on-one with instructors while they learned ground maneuvers in the rigorous three-week long Marine Corps Martial Arts Instructor Course here. Cpt. Dorian Gardner/Chevron

BY LANCE CPT. KAITLYN M. SCARBORO
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With hopes of helping a depot staff sergeant diagnosed with a life-threatening blood disease, the depot sponsored a bone marrow drive to register Department of Defense personnel on the national bone marrow donors list in December.

Now Navy Region Southwest is holding a second bone marrow drive Thursday at the Navy Exchange on 32nd Street to register new donors and increase the odds of finding a donor match for Staff Sgt. Gustavo Aleman Jr., 3rd Recruit Training Battalion administrative chief, along with others in need of marrow transplants.

A Houston native, Aleman was diagnosed with myelodysplastic syndrome in May 2004 in Fallujah, Iraq, during a routine physical and was sent back to the U.S. after an evaluation in Germany.

Myelodysplastic syndromes are difficult to treat because of the unusual combination of hyperactive marrow but inadequate blood-cell production. This is because most of the cells being produced in the bone marrow are defective and are destroyed before they leave the bone marrow to enter the blood stream,

according to the Leukemia Research Foundation Web site.

Aleman has spent eight months receiving chemotherapy without improvement and currently receives weekly blood transfusions to combat the fatigue caused by his low hemoglobin. But after a year of treatment, Aleman still has not found a matching marrow donor.

He is one of more than 500 military personnel who needs a bone marrow transplant, according to Lt. Cmdr. Cindy Campbell, Navy Region Southwest Bone Marrow Donor coordinator.

Department of Defense donors who match a patient in need of a transplant will be flown to Washington D.C. for a two-hour procedure by a Navy doctor, and will stay there on military orders for five days with a loved one, according to Campbell.

A week prior to the procedure the donor is given a pill that takes the marrow from their bone and transports it to their blood, she said. A needle is stuck into the arm, expelling the blood with the marrow. After separating the marrow from the blood, the blood is then injected back into the body.

“You sit and watch a movie and eat cookies,” said Campbell. “What people need to understand it that it is so easy

to do. It's as easy as giving blood.”

Registration is simple with few disqualifying factors, according to Campbell. Unlike donating blood, deployments to Iraq and colds will not disqualify someone from registering or donating, though HIV and serious medical problems will.

For the procedure, two cotton-swabs are run against the inside of the cheek and applicants fill out a two-page questionnaire to get their names on the national registry.

“If you're in uniform, basically, you can give,” said Campbell. “We are putting people on the national bone marrow registry so our sailors and Marines can help where they are needed.”

After his fourth bone marrow biopsy May 30, Aleman was relieved to find out that his disease had not progressed to full blown leukemia like doctors believed, though he has only had one person come close to being a donor.

“We have not given up hope and hopefully we can find a good donor. We just need to get more people to become donors on the registry and maybe we can find a match,” said Aleman.

The depot's second bone marrow drive is scheduled for July 7. For more information, contact Lt. Cmdr. Cindy Campbell at (619) 532-4734.

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This year's Rock 'n' Roll Marathon winner was 27-year-old Ambesse Tolossa, from Ethiopia. His time of 2:10:08 was slightly slower than last year's winning time. *Plc. Charlie Chavez/Chevron photos*

Annual race rocks San Diego, runners roll through depot after 26.2-mile trek

By STAFF SGT. JEFF JANOWIEC
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She strove for 26.2 miles to complete the marathon and as she closed within yards of the finish line, her body fell to exhaustion.

With everything she had left, 29-year-old Amy Stewart gave her last push through the finish line on the Marine Corps Recruit Depot's Shepherd Memorial Drill Field during the 9th Annual Rock 'n' Roll Marathon, Sunday.

Some runners were exhausted and fell into the arms of medical team members, others pushed through muscle cramps and some screamed with excitement; but no matter how they did it, nearly 16,000 of the original 17,756 runners victoriously crossed the finish line.

Those who made it were encouraged by a band and thousands of spectators who lined the drill field at the homestretch.

"It was just an awesome course and awesome weather to run in," said Michelle Ulrich after her twin sister hugged her at the finish line. "Getting to finish at (the depot) is also pretty cool. It is not every day you get to be in here."

Visitors and runners were able to come aboard the secured depot, due to the work of the Provost Marshals Office and its augmented Ground Security Force Marines, according to Col. Matthew D. Redfern, commanding officer, Headquarters and Service Battalion. These Marines were emplaced throughout the grounds, and ensured the security of the finish line.

Although Marines and other personnel from the depot ran in the marathon, none of them took first place.

That top honor went to Ambesse Tolossa, an Ethiopian, who ran a sub-five-minute mile pace and finished with a time of 2:10:08.

Close on his heels, Simon Bor, from Kenya, finished with a time of 2:10:37. Running about a minute behind him was the third place winner, Stephen Kiogora, also from Kenya, who showed up at the finish line at 2:11:45. Christopher Cheboiboch, the returning champion from last year's race, which he won with a 2:09:17, finished fourth with a time of 2:14:10.

In the women's class, Alice Chelangat, from Kenya finished in 2:28:21. Both Tolossa and Chelangat won \$20,000 and a car.

For the rest of the runners behind the elites, the marathon provided a foot tour of San Diego's Pacific Beach, downtown and surrounding areas.

The runners were refueled with water, cheered and applauded along the 26-mile San Diego course by cheerleaders, spectators and local bands.

"It was great motivation, and they helped keep your spirits up along the run," said Staff Sgt. Derrick E. Oliver, Marine enlisted aide to the commanding general and marathon runner. "I was also impressed by the diversity and different genres of music around every turn, which made it great," he said. "The set up was just right, you got water when you needed it, and it seemed that the organizer knew the hard points of the race for extra motivation. I would definitely do it again."



Oceanside, Calif., resident Dave Kloz, 31, jubilantly celebrates his 2:40:05 finish at the 9th Annual San Diego Rock 'n' Roll Marathon.



Lara Ulrich, left, hugs her twin sister Michelle Ulrich at the finish line here.



Twenty-nine-year-old Amy Stewart receives help from race medical staff. Stewart finished the marathon in 3:30:09.



Local bands were set up at various race points to encourage runners along the trek.



After a greeting from Brig. Gen. John M. Paxton Jr., 17,756 runners began their 26.2-mile journey to the depot. Runners said the overcast weather and moderate temperatures made for nice running conditions.

Company C Marine goes from bad to best

BY CPL. DORIAN GARDNER
Chevron staff

Determined to dissuade the doubts of friends and family, Company C's most improved recruit rose from the bottom of the pot to claim the title of the few and the proud.

Underestimating the atmosphere of Marine Corps recruit training, Pvt. Richard J. Sulla, Platoon 1089, came into boot camp full of curiosity, but soon tried to shake bad habits after drill instructors got a hold of him.

Long before he would see the inside of a squad bay, Sulla faced criticism from those closest to him. Family members and friends were skeptical when Sulla informed them of his life-changing decision to become a U.S. Marine. Even so, their negative responses did not falter his decision.

"I am a very stubborn person," said Sulla. "When you tell me I can't do it, I will. People telling me I couldn't finish training drove me."

Family members who enlisted before him also served as his inspiration, according to Sulla.

Sulla's grandfather served in the 1970s and never had anything negative to say about his time in the military. Fear of future regrets enthused his decision "I didn't want to be 40 years old saying, 'I wish I would have done this or that,'" said Sulla.

Weeks after talking with his recruiter, Sulla shipped out to Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego.

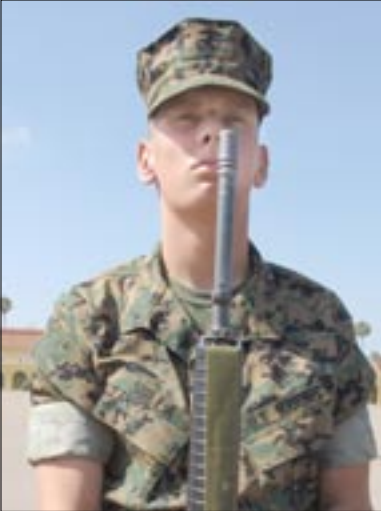
Crossing over to the military was stressful for him, according to Sulla. Multiple flight delays slowed his arrival to train, and required him and new recruits to call in to the Military Entrance Processing Station and inform them of their late arrival.

Every recruit must go through processing with a receiving company before he may enter training. Sulla's first few days in boot camp were misleading.

Spending his first few days aboard the depot with a receiving company, Sulla was given the false impression that boot camp was slow-paced and easy. He kept thinking, "This isn't bad."

The day Sulla was introduced to his drill instructors, he quickly realized that training wasn't going to be easy at all. During the senior drill instructor's mission statement, recruits took the first look at their drill instructors.

Sulla, skeptically thinking it would be easy, didn't think much of the mission until the recruits were re-



Pvt. Richard J. Sulla

leased to their drill instructors. Soon after, Sulla realized it's significance.

Coming into training out of shape and unable to complete three pull-ups, drill instructors targeted Sulla for improvement, according to Sulla.

The entire first phase of Sulla's training was troublesome.

Some of his old habits died hard, according to Sgt. James Fazica, drill instructor, Platoon 1089, Company C. Habits like speaking in the first person and looking around when he was supposed to be standing at attention brought him a lot of extra attention. Recruits are expected to look forward and stand silently on line adjacent to each other, but the curiosity in Sulla's mind kept him gazing around during his first phase of training.

"When our drill instructor would say 'Ears' and we had to listen, I would say open, but would still stare at him," said Sulla.

Not looking at drill instructors when they spoke to him was hard for Sulla.

"In the civilian world, when someone speaks to you, you look him in the eyes," said Sulla. "It is a courtesy. Over here it is the complete opposite."

Sulla lost his motivation almost as quickly as drill instructors lost their patience. Seeing the platoon constantly pay for his mistakes ate at him. His senior drill instructor noticed Sulla's downward spiral spinning faster and faster, so he intervened.

To hear his senior tell him that he was proud to have him in his platoon made quite an impact, according to Sulla. Finding acceptance filled him with pride gave him the encouragement he needed to turn around.

Things slowly came back to life for the recruit, but the damage had been done, according to Sulla.

Feeling he had lost the trust and loyalty of his own platoon, Sulla was determined to earn it back.

The first month of training was a challenge, but

Sulla knew he would have to hold his own up north at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., where weapons and field training and the Crucible took place.

"He put forth 110 percent to better himself so that he could graduate with Company C," said Fazica.

"During obstacles and team training up north, he was hustling more than the other recruits. You could tell he was really trying."

Not long after Sulla arrived up north, his name was called less frequently. Sulla began to excel rather than need a hand during training. Drill instructors noticed his positive change in direction. He earned their trust.

Sulla was capable of getting his responsibilities finished fast enough to still be able to help those around him who were having trouble, said Fazica.

A big part of Sulla's success up north may have been his previous experience in the dirt. Field training introduced aspects that Sulla could relate to.

An avid outdoorsman, Sulla loved hiking and camping. It gave Sulla a chance to prove himself and help others who were struggling, particularly during the Reaper, the last and largest hill of the Crucible hike.

"First phase, I was a recruit who couldn't do pull-ups, but second phase they saw a recruit pulling recruits up the Reaper," said Sulla. "Just because I can't do pull-ups doesn't mean I don't know what has to be done."

Evolving into a strong recruit throughout second phase, Sulla felt acceptance from the recruits around him.

After showing his worth up north, he felt like the platoon realized he could do more to help the platoon than hurt them, said Sulla.

At the end of the second phase of training, he and the other recruits returned to the depot with a new confidence within them. After two months, and heading into the third month of training, they became a single platoon, instead of 60 individuals.

"During third phase, the platoon works as a team," said Fazica. "Now he is a part of that team."

Upon graduation, Sulla is slated to attend the Infantry Training Battalion at the School of Infantry in Camp Pendleton to become a reserve infantryman.

Emerging through training and gaining a stronger grasp of what is necessary to succeed in the military, Sulla is eager to start his career in the Marine Corps and move up through the ranks.

Maj. Gen. Ronald S. Coleman

PARADE REVIEWING OFFICER

Major Gen. Ronald S. Coleman enlisted in the United States Navy in April 1968 and was discharged upon his return from Danang, Republic of Vietnam in June 1970. Following his Navy tour, he enrolled in Cheyney State University, and graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education in 1973. He was a high school teacher and football coach in Darby Township, Pa. until he was commissioned a second lieutenant in December 1974.

Following graduation from Officer Candidate School and completion of The Basic School and Ground Officer Supply School, Maj. Gen. Coleman reported for duty to Camp Lejeune, S.C. with 2nd Marine Regiment where he served as the regimental supply officer, platoon commander and a logistics officer.

In November 1977, he transferred to 3rd Force Service Support Group, Okinawa, Japan, where he deployed as the operations officer for Landing Support Unit Foxtrot.

In November 1978, he transferred to Officer Candidate School, where he served as the S-4 supply officer, candidate platoon commander and as director of the Marine Corps Development and Education Command's Non-Commissioned Officer School. Maj. Gen. Coleman attended Amphibious Warfare

School during the 1981-82 academic year and, upon graduation, was assigned to Headquarters Marine Corps Officer Assignment Branch where he served as a company grade monitor and administrative assistant to the director, Personnel Management Division. In August 1985, following his promotion to major, he was assigned as an instructor at Amphibious Warfare School, Quantico, Va. In 1987, he was selected to attend the Marine Corps Command and Staff College.

Major Gen. Coleman was again transferred to 3rd Force Service Support Group in 1988, serving as the operations officer, 3rd Landing Support Battalion; executive officer, 3rd Maintenance Battalion; and as commanding officer, Combat Service Support Detachment 35, Contingency Marine Air Group Task Force 4-90.

Returning to the United States in June 1991, he reported to Headquarters Marine Corps and served as the logistics project officer and head, Maintenance Policy Section, Installations and Logistics Branch. He was promoted to lieutenant colonel in the spring of 1992 and transferred to Camp Lejeune the following summer.

Major Gen. Coleman assumed duty as commanding officer, 2nd Maintenance Battalion, 2nd Force Service Support Group in June 1993, and in December 1994, was reassigned as the group deputy operations officer. Selected for top level school, he reported

to the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, National Defense University in August 1995.

Following graduation in 1996, he reported to the Pentagon, serving in the Logistics Directorate J-4, Mobility Division as an action officer and deputy division chief, Logistic Readiness Center.

He was promoted to colonel in July 1997 and, a year later, returned to Camp Lejeune for duty with the 2nd Marine Division as the assistant chief of staff, G-4. In April 1999, he deployed to the Balkan Region where he served as chief of staff for Joint Task Force Shining Hope. Maj. Gen. Coleman assumed command of 2nd Supply Battalion on July 27, 1999. He was selected for promotion to brigadier general in March 2001. In June 2001, he reported to Headquarters Marine Corps for duty as the deputy assistant commandant, Installations and Logistics (Facilities) and was promoted to brigadier general on Nov. 1, 2002.

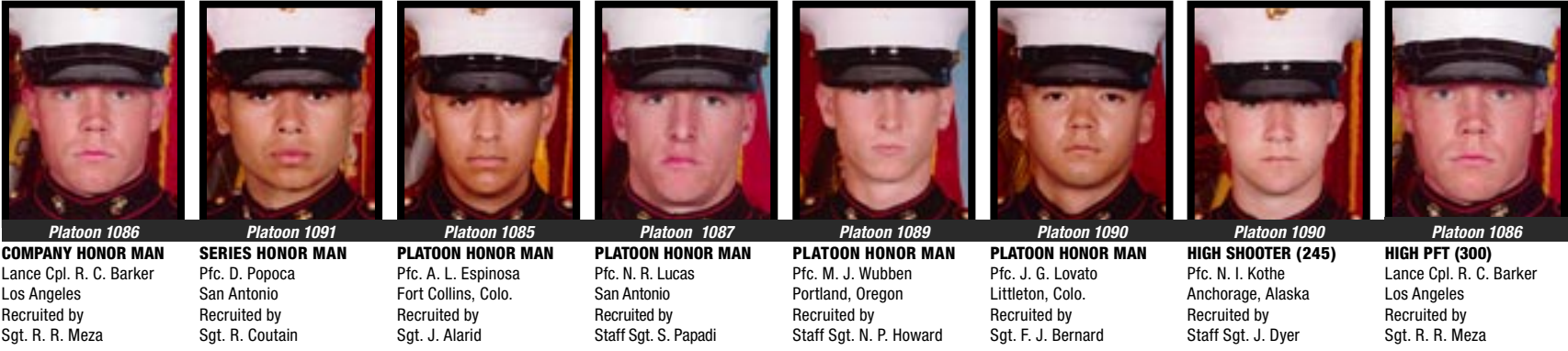
Major General Coleman reported to 2nd Force Service Support Group in June 2003 and deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom as commanding general, Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force until November 2003. He deployed again from February 2004 until June 2004 as commanding general of Combined Joint Task Force Haiti in support of Operation Secure Democracy.

His current assignment is director of Personnel Management Division, Man-



power and Reserve Affairs. While still assigned as the Director, he was promoted to Major General on May 19, 2006.

Major Gen. Coleman's personal decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with a gold star in lieu of second award, Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Combat Action Ribbon, and the French Gold National Defense Medal with Army and Overseas Operations of Assistance Clasp while commanding a French Battalion during Operation Secure Democracy. He also has a Masters Degree in National Strategic Resources.



CHARLIE COMPANY



New Marines from Platoon 1089, Company C, execute a drill movement called Dress Right Dress, which is a command to make sure the platoon members are aligned. Cpl. Dorian Gardner/Chevron

FIRST RECRUIT TRAINING BATTALION <i>Commanding Officer</i> Lt. Col. B. D. Kerl <i>Sergeant Major</i> Sgt. Maj. A. A. Spadaro <i>Chaplain</i> Lt. Cmdr. M. G. Mueller <i>Battalion Drill Master</i> Staff Sgt. J. R. Moreno	Pvt. P. D. Breidel Jr. Pfc. R. L. Brethauer Pvt. W. A. Byrd Pvt. E. Cardenas Jr. Pvt. A. T. Carrasco *Pfc. A. S. Casares Pvt. G. E. Chavez Pfc. J. O. Chromcak Pvt. A. M. Clare Pvt. J. M. Clark Pvt. J. M. Conterez Pfc. S. A. Cooper Pfc. C. D. Costabile Pvt. D. V. Cundy Pvt. V. D. Cusumano Pvt. M. M. Davis Pfc. A. L. Espinosa *Pfc. M. J. Fairgood *Pfc. B. A. Fox Pfc. J. A. Garcia Pfc. J. E. Geddie Pvt. J. L. Gingerich Pvt. A. A. Grado Pvt. A. M. Grey Pvt. A. J. Griffin Pvt. R. T. Gross Pfc. J. A. Harlan Pvt. C. D. Haselhorst Pfc. S. J. Hendricks Pvt. S. M. Henley Pvt. J. S. Henton Jr. Pvt. L. J. Holland Pvt. M. D. Scott Pvt. M. C. Snyder Pvt. J. A. Wolcott Pvt. M. D. Woodruff	<i>Drill Instructors</i> Sgt. H. Delrio Sgt. J. C. Haglund Staff Sgt. R. C. Claunch Pfc. A. 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Finance's Cpl. Tommy Lewis throws a runner out at first base. Pfc. Charlie Chavez/Chevron photos



Chief Warrant Officer Jeffery Kukasik, Finance, makes contact with a 2nd Battalion pitch.

SO MONEY

Finance team undefeated through six games of CG's Cup softball season

BY PFC. CHARLIE CHAVEZ
Chevron staff

The depot's Finance team scorched through its fifth and sixth games of the Commanding General's Cup softball season June 6.

The Finance team proceeded undefeated into the double-header against Recruit Training Regiment's 2nd Battalion.

In the initial game, 2nd Bn. shut out Finance in the top of the first inning and scored four runs in the bottom.

"We had a lot of sore guys because of the Rock 'n' Roll Marathon, and we got off to a slow start," said Gunnery Sgt. Gary Hernandez, Finance coach. "Once our defense was back up and we got some hits, we were rolling again."

Not to be outdone, Finance scored a retaliation run in the top of the second inning and played shut-out defense in the bottom.

Finance scored two runs in the top of the third and fourth innings.

The fifth inning finished unanswered by either team.

"I thought we were going to have some competition," said Cpl. Kyle Ochoa, Finance. "They basically just got some lucky hits."

Finishing the game in the sixth inning, Finance's Sgt. Lynden D. Gwartney along with Ochoa hit single RBI's making the score 9-4.

In the second game of the double-header, Finance scored three runs in the bottom of the first. 2nd Bn. retaliated and tied the game at three in the top of the second inning.

Remaining undefeated, Finance scored five runs in the bottom of the second inning, two in the bottom of the third and four in the bottom of the fourth, ending the game in the fifth inning 12-3.

The next CG's Cup softball season games will be held Tuesday on the depot softball fields. For more information contact Rachel Dickinson at (619)



Cpl. Kyle Ochoa, Finance, looks for the ball after rounding second base.